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Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Charles Thembani **Ntwaagae** (Botswana)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 16 September 2008, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its sixty-third session consisting of the following Member States: Botswana, China, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mozambique, the Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and the United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 19 December 2008.

3. Mr. Ntwaagae (Botswana) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 19 December 2008, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly.

5. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Secretary-General, formal credentials in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been submitted by the following 124 Member States in respect of their representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New

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Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Zimbabwe.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 67 Member States: Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iraq, Ireland, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Marshall Islands, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Moldova, Niger, Nigeria, Palau, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Vanuatu, Viet Nam and Zambia.

7. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the Secretary-General's memorandum, the following Member State had not made any communication to the Secretary-General: Guinea.

8. The Chairman proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

9. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

10. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly" (see para. 12 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

> Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly
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> *The General Assembly*,
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> *Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,
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> *Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.